

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Lester Zimiga was born in Wanblee, South Dakota, and attended Edgemont High School; and,

Whereas, Lester Zimiga served 20 years in the United States Army and attained the rank of E7, and served two tours of duty in Viet Nam as an infantryman from 1965 to 1969, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and,

Whereas, Lester Zimiga recently retired as a state employee of the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs; and,

Whereas, Lester Zimiga was an exemplary employee, working 17 years as a Maintenance Worker II for the Veterans Home; and,

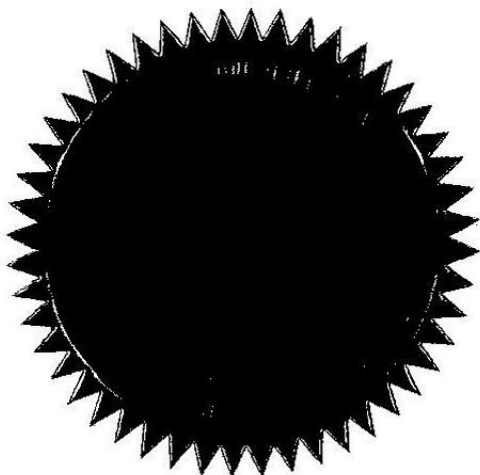
Whereas, Lester Zimiga led his SDSEO chapter's efforts to provide entertainment, picnics and pontoon rides for the residents of the Veterans Home; and,

Whereas, Lester Zimiga, and his wife, Elise, have been outstanding, conscientious state employees for the state of South Dakota, loyal members of SDSEO, and contributing members of the Hot Springs community; and:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State